38th
Annual Report

Young Men's
Christian Association

of Montreal.

1888-89.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is divided into Two classes:

Active—A member of an Evangelical Church.

Associate—Over 14 years of Age. Good moral character.

Active and Associate (without Evening Classes),	$2.00
Full Ticket (including Evening Classes),	5.00
Junior's Ticket,	1.00
Life Member's Ticket,	100.00

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Chas. King,
Jacob Lyons.

The 38th Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Tuesday evening, the 28th May.

The Board of Directors and Committeemen, numbering one hundred and eighteen out of one hundred and twenty-eight on the roll, sat down to luncheon at 6.30 o'clock.

After luncheon short addresses were delivered by the President, Mr. D. W. Ross, Mr. Abner Kingman, Vice-President, Mr. L. H. Packard, Treasurer, Mr. George Hague, Rev. Archdeacon Evans, Mr. Wm. A. Doig and Mr. Chas. T. Williams.

At eight o'clock the Annual Business Meeting assembled in the Association parlor, which was crowded with members. The President occupied the chair. Mr. W. G. Charnock, Secretary Young Men's Christian Association, Vancouver, led in prayer. We add in detail the reports which were submitted to the meeting.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.—Mr. Robt. Henderson made the following nomination of seven Directors to replace those who retire this year. Messrs. Geo. Hague, Walter Paul, D. Bentley, D. W. Ross, John Murphy, Fred Meyers, A. R. Wightman. No other nominations being presented by the members, at the request of the meeting Mr. Packard cast one ballot declaring their election.

The President nominated as Auditors Messrs. George Creak and John B. Picken.

On motion of Mr. Packard, the thanks of the Association were tendered to Mr. Arthur G. Olive for the assistance and supervision rendered in keeping the accounts and books of the Association during the year.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Holland, that the thanks of the Association be presented to the publishers of the *Witness*, *Star*, *Gazette*, and *Herald*, for the very valuable assistance they have rendered the work through their cordial and friendly notices.

Moved by Mr. Meyers, seconded by Dr. Kelley, that the thanks of this Association be tendered to Messrs. John Dougall & Son, publishers of the *Daily Witness*, for gratuitous advertising of the religious work of the Association during the year.

Moved by Dr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Seth P. Leet, that the reports as presented be adopted and printed for circulation amongst the members.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The recent Philadelphia Convention and the International Secretaries' Conference at Orange, N.J., clearly indicated the lines and methods of work now being pursued by the Associations on this continent. Let us note the prominent points :—

The extension of the work amongst the young men of the Orient ;

Responsibility concerning the non-English speaking young men in our cities ;

Responsibility for the work in the outlying villages, which send the majority of their young men to the cities ;

Greater thoroughness in Bible Study ;

The power of the Association Library ;

The work amongst Railway employés ;

The Buildings of the future to be wholly for the use of the Association work ;

The influence of the Association upon the social life of young men ;

The subordination of all agencies to the spiritual work ;

The prominent Christian business men from all sections of the Church who are both supporting and personally engaged in the work.

In presenting the past year's record of the work in this city, we naturally ask—Is it developing on a line with the work on the whole field in regard to those elements which lead to permanent growth ? Let us see.—

(1.) "In securing a central Building, fully equipped for the work ?" Yes.

(2.) "In work for young men of Heathen lands?" Yes.

(3.) "In greater thoroughness in Bible Study?" Yes.

(4.) "In subordination of all agencies to the spiritual work?" Yes.

(5.) "The power of the Association Library?" Yes.

(6.) "Responsibility for non-English speaking young men?" No. We should have a French Branch and Secretary.

(7.) "Responsibility for work in outlying villages?" No. There are at least a dozen villages and towns in the vicinity of Montreal which should have a visit from two or more delegates during the year.

(8.) "The work amongst Railway employés?" No. There must be 4,000 or 5,000 Railway men centred in Montreal. We are in the rear of almost every Railway centre in undertaking this work.

(9.) "The adaptability and influence of the Association upon the Social life of young men?" Yes, in some measure, but failure in organized efforts.

The board of Directors will do well to immediately consider these points wherein our work fails to keep in step with the general movement.

THE NEW BUILDING.

The special work of the past year has been the preparations necessary for the erection of the New Building. These have occupied a large portion of your Secretary's time and effort. On May 4th, 1888, the Deed was signed transferring to the Association the beautiful site on Dominion Square. A Building Committee was selected with great care. They resolved to meet every Thursday morning at 9 a.m., for prayer and conference, with three special requests, viz.;

(1.) That their decisions might be unanimous;

(2.) That the labor of canvassing for funds and the gifts donated might be a spiritual blessing to all concerned;

(3.) That the Building might be erected to the glory of God and for the young men of the city, free of debt.

Thus far the first and second requests have been graciously answered, and we are confidently expecting the third to be fulfilled. The financial co-operation of every member is solicited in this enterprise. No matter how small the donation let it be placed on record at once. It must be of special interest to the membership to know that the plans—both as regards the interior arrangement of rooms and the elevation are considered by prominent Association men to be superior to any other Association Building.

THE FIELD.

The membership of the Association has the first claim upon its attention. At the close of the year it numbered 1,065. During the past year an effort was made to have each Associate member called upon by members of the working Committees in connection with the various meetings. This was only partially successful. It should be renewed under the direction of the Membership Committee in some more systematic and organized form.

The merchants and citizens who so freely and liberally contribute toward the support of this work form a part of the field 2,000 copies of our "*Association Record*" are issued each month giving details of the work. These are mailed regularly to members and subscribers, and an intelligent interest is thereby created on the part of the merchants and citizens who do not come in personal contact with the work in any other way.

The brightest section of the field, however, and one already white to the harvest, seems to be the mass of boys and youths who are fast passing into manhood. A distinct Junior Department has been organized during the year, with separate membership books and separate Committees. Its membership now numbers 229, but this field is practically unlimited. A tremendous responsibility lies at the door of the Association as to the issue. Hundreds of anxious parents are looking on. Shall this bright life be for Christ or for Satan? The adaptability of our

methods to the needs of this class is such that the Directors are called upon to make the most ample provision for this Department. The future Directors of the Association are here now, and the future contributors, so are the future General Secretaries. Within the past five years three graduates from the Boys' Meeting have become Secretaries, and another has the matter under consideration and will likely enter within a year.

A great mass of stranger young men arriving from other lands are reached by means of the Employment Bureau, Boarding House Register, Strangers' Tea, and the various Religious Meetings. A careful estimate has been made, showing that an attendance of over 320 per day, or 100,160 young men during the year, have made use of the Building and its privileges, apart from attendance at the various meetings. The time of one of the Assistant Secretaries is largely devoted to this work, and in hundreds of cases we have assurance of the best results following the timely counsel, advice and warning given to young men when beginning life in a new land. While more has been accomplished than in previous years, a better system is still required for the introduction of new members and strangers to the city churches. Dr. Deems, of the Church of the Strangers in New York city, estimates that there are 25,000 persons in that city with their church letters lying in the bottom of their trunks. In this city the number of young men who on first arrival drift from one church to another, and finally give up church attendance altogether, is alarmingly on the increase. The perfecting of a better system in dealing with the Associate members when they first join, and the strangers whom we meet through the various Agencies, in order to secure their immediate introduction to the Church, should receive the first attention of the new Committee.

Montreal is a distributing point, especially for young men. Every year a large number go to western cities. It has been our endeavor to follow these members by correspondence, keeping up a personal interest in them until finally located in some other Association or Church work. This demands considerable time, but is, we think, justified by the results.

Apart from the work in the Building, as above indicated, the visitation of sick young men throughout the city and in the hospitals, and the distribution of tracts amongst the seamen, as well as the special Evangelistic work amongst the volunteers in our Militia Camp, add to the breadth and length of the field in which the Association labors.

THE AGENCIES.

The Agencies employed in this field are four ; the Social, Physical, Educational and Religious.

SOCIAL.

The Building, of course, forms the central point. The final aim of the Association work is the development of Christian character, and the leading of young men to the knowledge of a personal Saviour. Experience proves that the best way to accomplish this is not so much by the holding of continual meetings as by the daily personal contact of Christian men with their fellows. Therefore, the Social life of the Association should have the most careful consideration, so as to make the building the liveliest and pleasantest as well as the *best* place in the whole city. Neither should we forget that where we can reach one life in the Association, we can reach ten lives out of it. To secure the best results from Social work there must be fostered a greater spirit of pride and *esprit de corps* amongst our members. Even in our present limited rooms we can and should have an informal social evening once each week, when the officers of the Association would be off duty, where new members and strangers might be introduced to Committeemen, and where an informal programme could be carried out. Advantage should also be taken of the annual holidays, to arrange some suitable social feature for each, such as Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, Queen's Birthday and Dominion Day.

The Reception Committee has done better work than in any previous year. The Members' Monthly Meetings have largely developed social life. The New Year's Reception had an

excellent effect, and the Strangers' Tea has been an important addition. But every Committeeman should throw himself heartily into the social life of young men, whether in or out of the building, as it is the open door to the hearts of thousands of young men whereby you can win them to Christ.

PHYSICAL.

The Excelsior Snow Shoe Club continued their weekly tramps during the winter. The attendance was better than in previous years. The Junior Snowshoers continued their tramps on Saturday afternoons, and have planned several outings for this summer.

On account of being unable to secure grounds for practice, it has been impossible to organize Football or Lawn Tennis, or other outdoor recreations. This department will, of course, receive a great stimulus from the opening of the new building.

EDUCATIONAL.

This important Agency has continued a permanent feature, its chief attractions being our cheerful Reading Room with its 137 selected papers and magazines, our Library with its 3,000 volumes, from which 6,927 books have been drawn; our six Evening Classes held weekly, with an attendance of 295; also, a special course of ten lectures on Electricity, which had an attendance of over 100 students, and a course of six Practical Talks and Lectures, which were well attended.

For next fall, however, we should have a Type-writing Class added to the list, also a larger programme of Practical Talks, and the addition of a Literary Society. This last is most important in the development of speakers and thinkers, as well as systematic readers, and there are a number of our members who would be glad to enter such a society for general education and development. The new Committee should consider these points early in the season.

RELIGIOUS.

This is the Primary Agency. Young men may be *interested* and, no doubt, benefitted through the Social, Educational and

Physicial Agencies, but unless they are led to a personal surrender of their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ they will not be *permanently influenced*, so as to become factors in the future work of the Church or the Association. It will be of interest to notice that the attendance at our various meetings is about 20 per cent. higher than that of Associations of a similar size.

The Young Men's Meeting on Saturday evening has always been the rallying point for the week's work. The average attendance for the year was 89. At almost every meeting young men receive personal counsel in regard to entering the Christian life.

The Classes for Bible Study have increased in attendance 20 per cent. The Beginners' Class on Sunday morning now averages 50 young men, and the Evangelistic Class, Sunday afternoon, 125. Results are apparent at almost every session of the classes,—in fact, the Bible Classes are now recognized as most important meetings in the leading of men to a decision for Christ, as well as for systematic Bible Study.

The Daily Meeting has been held continuously throughout the year, but the attendance has been small.

The Workers' Training Class had an excellent session from October to April, with an average attendance of 18 members.

During part of the year a Training Class has been held for the Junior Department. The Training Class work is the Agency to which the Association must look for the development of trained workers. It is our purpose to select two leaders from last winter's Class and put them in charge of separate classes, so as to begin three Training Classes next October, planning a three months' course for each instead of six months. This will give a large number of members the opportunity they desire for personal training in methods of Christian work.

622 Religious meetings for young men have been held with a total attendance of 20,625. Special meetings have been held for the promotion of personal purity, which have been followed with good results.

The Invitation Committee has been most active in its aggressive work, distributing to young men in hotels, restaurants and on the streets, 53,000 invitations.

262 young men have signed the pledge in the office of the Secretary during the year.

A new feature has been added in the form of a Foreign Mission Band. Monthly meetings have been held for the promotion of Missionary news, and a plan of systematic contribution adopted whereby $196.23 has been subscribed. The object is to develop a Missionary spirit, and finally to support a member in the Foreign field. One of the members of the Committee has consecrated his life to Foreign Missionary work.

In addition to these general Agencies there is the daily work of the Secretaries in the Building, crowded with opportunities, being constantly called upon to give spiritual counsel and advice to young men.

A plan is now being adopted for the placing of personal responsibility upon each worker in regard to the spiritual welfare of some Associate member, and presenting a monthly report in writing to the Secretary. The final purpose is to enlist the co-operation of every Active member. The conversion of young men has already been secured, and we anticipate the best possible results to the work from this division of responsibility whereby workers are "paired off" with their fellows. The selection requires great wisdom and care. It is the carrying out of the sentiment so beautifully expressed by Emerson : "The chief want in this life !—is it not for somebody to make me do what I can"?

RESULTS.

In the operating of these Agencies we have had 128 young men employed on 21 Committees. These Committees have held 240 meetings during the year. In addition to these regular workers, a number of members have taken part in visiting the Associate members in order to secure their attendance at the Religious meetings.

We have sent larger delegations than in any previous year to the Annual Convention. At the Provincial Convention in Ottawa 10 delegates represented this Association. At the International Convention in Philadelphia there were 16. This contact with the work as a whole has brought excellent results into our local Committee work.

To record statistics in summing up a year's work is difficult. We cannot tabulate the minds which have been trained and developed, the characters which have been strengthened and the decisions made which have influenced the lives for time as well as eternity. The *preventive work* is by no means the least in importance. If we had not profitably occupied the leisure hours of this great mass of young men, where would they have been spent? And our experience proves beyond a doubt that the future in a young man's life is largely determined by the manner in which he uses his leisure hours. Personal letters might here be given bearing testimony to the blessings received by many a young man. Young men have been introduced to city Pastors, while hundreds have been personally dealt with as to their spiritual life.

The greatest difficulty is experienced in following up the cases of enquirers met with at the various meetings. So many are transient, and only remain in the city for a short time. The importance is increased of pressing the question of decision for Christ at the time. Seize the present opportunity, otherwise it is gone.

To secure greater results in this mighty field, we need consecrated men who have the power of God, and who feel a personal responsibility for the conversion of souls. To all such, there cannot possibly be a wider field nor one of brighter promise.

Two of our Active members enter the Theological Colleges of this city next September for a course in preparation for the Ministry.

A statement is added of statistics in each department :

	No. of Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Total Attendance.
ATTENDANCE.			
At Building, daily, not including meetings		320	100,160
At Religious meetings			20,625
RELIGIOUS WORK.			
Young Men's Meeting	52	89	4,628
Daily Noon Meeting	313	12	3,756
RELIGIOUS WORK.			
Strangers' Tea	46	11	506
Evangelistic meeting for Strangers (4 months)	18	24	432
BIBLE AND TRAINING CLASSES.			
Beginners' Class	52	37	1,924
Evangelistic Class	52	96	4,978
Workers' Training Class (Oct. to April 16)	28	16	112
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.			
Religious Meetings	52	70	3,640
" " .Cote St. Antoine Branch	20	30	600
Bible Training Class	9	7	63
Snow Shoe Outings	3	24	312
Social Meetings	3	183	549
SOCIAL.			
Members' Meetings	8	130	1,040
Anniversary	1		1,200
New Year's Reception	1		800
EDUCATIONAL.			
Practical Talks	6	85	510
Lectures on Electricity	12	100	1,200
Evening Classes (held weekly)	6		
" No. of Members entering			295
Library.—No. of volumes	3,000		
" " " drawn	6,927		
" " " added	198		
" papers and magazines on file	137		
EMPLOYMENT.			
Applicants registered	842		
Situations secured.	252		
COMMITTEES.			
No. of Members serving	128		
" Meetings held	240		
Board of Directors Meetings held	18		
Building Committee's " "	20		
INVITATION WORK.			
No. of Meetings and Classes (weekly)	2		
Invitations distributed	53,000		
MEMBERSHIP.			
Active Members	531		
Associate "	305		
Life and Honorary Members			

Junior Department.		No. of Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Total Attendance.
Active Members	23			
Associate Members	206			
New Members added	285			
CEMETERY LOT.				
Two Young Men interred during the year.				
MILITARY CAMP WORK.				
At Sherbrooke, 12 days				
Reading Room and Association work, daily				
Evangelistic Meetings each evening		12	350	4,200
HOSPITAL SERVICES		52	25	1,300
Total attendance at all meetings during the year (exclusive of Committee and Board Meetings).				132,205

D. A. BUDGE,
Secretary.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

On May 4th, 1888, the Deed was signed transferring two lots including an area of 54x128 feet, from Mrs. Henry Lyman to the Young Men's Christian Association at a cost of $19,024 50. After a careful consideration of the space required for the new Building, this was found to be too narrow, compelling the Committee either to abandon the lots or secure additional land. On the 19th November an addition of 12x128 feet was purchased from Mrs. Fisher at a cost of $4,608 00, making the total area 8,448 feet, and the cost to the Association $23,632.50.

The selection of an architect was made after the greatest possible care and conference. By unanimous decision the Building was finally placed in the hands of Messrs. Fuller & Wheeler of Albany, N.Y., on account of their special experience in this class of building. Five months was occupied in the preparation of plans. During this period every possible attention was given to the interior arrangement of the building. In order to secure the best possible experience, correspondence was conducted with a large number of Associations, and the points gained have been carefully embodied in the plans for the new Building.

Specifications in detail were then prepared, upon which tenders are now being asked, and it is the purpose of the Committee to erect the foundation this year, and, if possible, complete the building in 1890.

A systematic canvas for subscriptions was begun in September 1888, and continued up to the present time, with the following result:

From the Board of Directors	$17,250
" " Young Men	13,340
" " Merchants and Citizens	24,750
	$55,340

In order to erect and furnish this building free from debt $30,000 is still required. Each member who has not already given should contribute something at once, and each member who has given should secure another contributor. This would greatly

lessen the labor of the Building Committee. A separate set of books has been opened for this fund, and the history of the movement in all its details is being carefully recorded for the future use of the Association. The following is the Financial Statement for the year ending April 30th, 1889 :—

RECEIPTS.

To	Subcriptions on Young Men's Fund	$ 1,808 38	
"	Subs'ptions on Merchants and Citizens' Fund	3,450 00	
"	Rental Account	250 00	
"	Interest Account	55 02	
"	Amount received from Finance Committee for use of Building Fund	22,984 28	
"	Furniture Account, Sale of Old Chairs	45 00	
			$28,592 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

By	Payment for Lots on Dominion Square, Mrs. Lyman...$19,024 50 Mrs. Fisher 4,608 00	$23,632 50	
"	Legal and Notarial Expenses' Account	19 25	
"	Interest Account	1,112 95	
"	Postage Account	8 75	
"	Rates and Assessments Account	116 40	
"	Advertising Account	3 00	
"	Expense Account	58 66	
"	Printing and Stationery Account	77 30	
"	Cash on hand	3,563 87	
			$28,592 68

WARDEN KING,
Chairman.

Examined and found correct.

J. B. PICKEN,
GEORGE CREAK, } *Auditors.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee report with pleasure and gratitude the harmony that prevails in the various departments of our work, and the spirit of earnestness and devotion which characterises our workers.

The various matters brought before us, pending the monthly meeting of our Directors, received prompt, as well as careful and prayerful consideration, and save valuable time of the Directors by submitting these matters to them in concise form. We also take immediate action in cases where such is called for.

We were enabled to secure the services of Mr. T. Duncan Patton, to assist our Secretary, and feel that the Association is to be congratulated on the efficiency of his work.

The week of prayer was observed, as usual, in November, and most of our city pastors preached special sermons to young men, on Sunday, 11th November.

Mr. Dodge, of New York, rendered us valuable service in an address to a large number of our leading business men, called to meet him in our parlors in October last.

Our Anniversary Meeting, held on the 24th January, was an unqualified success. The addresses of Dr. Virgin, of New York, and Dr. Wells, of Montreal, were truly inspiring. We are thankful that on these and other occasions we received many indications of the kindly approval and confidence of our fellow citizens in our work.

All our employees are doing faithful work.

R. HENRY HOLLAND,
Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL.

Sir William Dawson delivered the opening lecture on Tuesday evening, the 2nd October, 1888, choosing as his subject "Some Antecedents of Montreal."

This was followed by a special course of twelve lectures on Electricity, by Mr. W. R. Kimball, Electrician of the Royal Electric Light Company, with an average attendance of upwards of 130 persons.

Practical Talks and Lectures were given in March and April, as follows :—

Two lectures on "Max O'Neil's journey from Asia to Europe"—Illustrated, Mr. L. O. Armstrong ; "Progress of Photography," Mr. Alex. Henderson ; "Plants, how they breathe and feed," Prof. Penhallow ; "Emergencies," Medical Talk, Dr. Chas. Cameron.

Evening Educational Classes—October to April :—

		Members Enrolled.
French, elementary	Mr. L. R. Gregor.....	55
French, advanced		24
Commercial Arithmetic	Mr. Alec Thomson.....	53
Book-keeping		46
Penmanship		52
Phonography		40
Glee Club.....Mr. W. A. Coates.....		25

A larger average attendance than heretofore, and greater proficiency at the final examinations for testimonials and certificates, was the result obtained by restraining members from entering more classes than they could properly keep up with.

CHARLES CUSHING,
Chairman.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The list of periodicals in the reading room has been revised and enlarged. It has been the aim of the Committee that our tables shall be furnished with the best that can be had in this direction.

The library has also received most careful attention, as it has long been felt that additions here are of permanent value. The demand upon the shelves in the boys' alcove is constant and increasing, which has been met as best it could with the means at the disposal of the Committee. This demand calls for serious consideration from the friends of the Association, in view of the strong words spoken at the late Convention in Philadelphia upon this very topic. While the Directors have been generous to the extent of their resources, we cannot but call attention to this field of Christian influence among our boys and young men, but little understood as yet, but destined in the near future to be one of the strong features of Association work.

We present the following figures from the Librarian's record :—

Number of papers and magazines on file in the Reading Room..... 137
Number of books in Library.....3000

Number of books drawn each month :—

May	561	September	428	January	697
June	446	October	664	February	585
July	376	November	837	March	757
August	351	December	640	April	585

Total for the year.....6,927

CHAS. T. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

The total number on the roll who have attended once at least during the year is 340 ; of these, the average attendance was 70 per night, the largest number present on any one occasion being 110, and the smallest 18. These figures show a falling off as compared with the previous year, which is to be regretted, but still this work cannot be altogether judged by numbers, often the smallest meeting is the one which is most impressive and which accomplishes most good. Wherever the good seed is sown there cannot fail to be results, and we can see that the Boys' Work is not unfruitful ; we can see growing up around us many manly Christian lads, who will before long be taking an active part in running the Association, and we can feel ourselves, the workers, to be strengthened and helped in our own lives.

The meetings in the Association Building have been held regularly every week throughout the year, and the meetings at Cote St. Antoine every fortnight, except during the very hot weather.

Our Scripture Union has since 1st January obtained 83 members who undertake to read a small portion of the Bible every day.

Almost all the boys attending the meeting had signed the old temperance pledge, but we have recently adopted the triple pledge against liquor, tobacco and profanity, and so far sixteen have signed it. These are, perhaps, the most fruitful causes of failure on the part of young fellows, and if the boys can be kept from them, a good work will have been accomplished.

The Savings Bank is in a flourishing condition, the total number of accounts being at present 104, and the total deposits $618.42. The kind offer of 10 per cent. interest from a prominent gentleman, has had the effect of considerably increasing the deposits. As an example of the amount of business transacted, it may be said that in April the deposits were $79.95 and the withdrawals $16.69.

The Cote St. Antoine Branch Meeting under the leadership of Mr. Gawne has an average attendance of from 30 to 40 boys, many of whom are much interested and among whom good work has been done.

Occasionally on Sunday mornings the boys visit the General Hospital, sing for the patients, and distribute papers, etc., afterwards attending the service.

Recently a little Training Class has been started under the leadership of Mr. Corbett, at which the workers meet together and study the lesson for the coming Friday.

The Invitation Committee, in charge of Mr. Percy Leslie, has been actively employed during the year in distributing invitation cards among their friends and schoolmates. By means of this, writing letters, and calling on some of the boys at their homes, many new names have been added to the roll and many absentees brought back.

The Committee have endeavored to make the meetings as bright as possible, and have provided as many outside attractions as they could. Two Socials were held during the season, one in the fall and one on April 1st.

There was also a picnic in September last. All these passed off well. The Snow Shoe Tramps to the Athletic Club House were well attended during the winter, and we can only say that if anyone wants to have an afternoon of real good sport he should go out with the Y. M. C. A. Juniors.

The Committee cannot but feel that a great responsibility is laid upon them, and earnest prayer should be made that they may be fitted for the work and enabled to properly discharge their duty. They would like to see branch meetings started in the East End, Point St. Charles, and the northern part of the city, if the way were opened up. The field is a wide one and the work important. May it be blessed.

GEO. C. WELLS,
Secretary.

FINANCE.

This Committee has held 18 meetings. A careful supervision has been made of all the expenses, and the Committees have been kept within their appropriations. At the instruction of the Association, a mortgage of $35,000 at 5 per cent. was placed upon the Association Building, $12,000 of which was required to pay the Bible Society's claim, and the balance loaned to the New Building Committee for payment of the land.

While thanking the merchants and citizens for their liberal response, they desire to acknowledge the cheerful manner in which the funds are given.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Messrs. Geo. Creak and J. B. Picken for their careful audit.

DAVID YUILE,
Chairman.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

To Subscriptions		$4,979 00
" Membership Fees		1,827 61
" Library account : Received for Fines during year		34 00
" Reading Room account : Received for Magazines, etc., sold		45 55
" Benevolent Fund account : Collections and Donations		26 77
" Rent		1,514 00
" Collection at Anniversary		130 65
" Discount on accounts paid		3 51
" Furniture account : Received for sale of Old Chairs		45 00
" Military Camp account : Collected for Expenses of Camp Work		88 60
" *Record* account : Received for Advertisements etc		102 00
		$8,796 69
" Balance		102 53

MEMORANDA :

FUND FOR JAPANESE MISSION

Cash held by Y.M.C.A., April 30th, 1888	$359 38	
Cash received during Year	318 78	
	678 61	
DEDUCT.—Cash paid out during year	345 39	
Balance on hand April 30th, 1889		$332 86

MORTGAGE, ETC.

Cash received for Mortgage on old Building	$35,000 00
Cash paid Bible Society	12,015 72
Cash paid to New Building Fund	22,984 28
	$35,000 00

Examined and found correct. $8,899 22

GEORGE CREAK, J. B. PICKEN, } *Auditors.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Association Debt, May 1st, 1888		$48 16
" Current Expenses :		
" Salaries	$4,077 49	
" Gas and Fuel	680 06	
" Travelling Expenses, including expenses to Grand Rapids' Convention	104 00	
" Stationery	125 45	
" Advertising	27 93	
" Printing	457 05	
" Postage	161 18	
" Cleaning	97 80	
" Repairs and Renewals	195 68	
" Gen. Exp. (including Telephone)	278 36	
	$6,205 00	
" Library account : New Books, etc		383 78
" Reading Room acct., Mags. and Periodicals including Subscriptions to Jan. 1st, 1890.		373 29
" Religious Literature, Bibles, etc., etc		68 59
" *Record* account, Printing and Postage		182 73
" Social and Reception account		214 01
" New Year's Reception Expenses		27 10
" Furniture account		68 86
" Benevolent Fund account, Sundries	$91 56	
"Loans"	18 50	
		110 06
" Educational Work, Paid Teachers, etc		489 95
" Rates and Assessments		143 75
" Insurance		242 95
" Military Camp Expenses		88 60
" Anniversary Expenses		112 39
" International Committee		55 39
" New Charter Expenses		34 41
" New Building Account : Account for sale of Chairs, etc., donated		50 20
		$8,851 06
		$8,899 22
" Balance brought down : *Association Debt, May 1st, 1889*		$102 53

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CURRENT EXPENSES

For the year ending April 30th, 1889.

Anderson, Robt	$ 100	Brophy, Cains & Co	$ 5
Ayer, A. A. & Co	25	Bazin, Dr	5
Angus, R. B	25	Boyd, R. E	3
Ames, Holden & Co	25	Blackader, Dr.	3
Alexander, C	15	Barrington, Mrs. Thos	1
Angus, Wm	5		
Ames, H. B	5	Canada Paper Co	25
Allan, A	5	Cantlie, Ewan & Co	25
Aitken, Mrs	5	Crathern & Caverhill	25
Anderson, C. H	5	Clerk, Alex	25
Arnton, W. H	5	Campbell, Mrs. G. W	25
Ault, Dr	5	Carsley, S	20
Armstrong, Wm	2	Cushing, Chas	15
		Clendinneng, W. & Son	10
Bank of Toronto	40	Court, W. B	10
Bell, Sam'l	25	Cheney, G	10
Barret, Dr. and Mrs	25	Creak, Geo	10
Birks, H	25	Carnegie, J. H	10
Belding, Paul & Co	25	Coristine, J. & Co	10
Beall, Ross & Co	25	Canada Jute Co	10
Brainerd, T. C	25	Campbell, K	10
Bishop, Geo	25	Coulson, S	10
Burland, G. B	20	Crawford, John	10
Buchanan, R. H	20	Crombie, M	10
Brown, W. Godbee	15	Cochrane, Cassils & Co	5
Bentley, D	10	Cayford, J. W	5
Bell, J. & T	10	Campbell, D	5
Brown, Jonathan	10	Currie, W. & F. P. & Co	5
Bell, Simpson & Co	10	Castle, W. & Son	5
Bates, John S	10	Cooper, Fairman & Co	5
Buchanan, W. O	10	Cameron, H	5
Bulmer, H. Jr. & Co	10	Christmas, T. H	5
Botterell, E. H	5	Claxton, F. J	5
Black & Lock	5	Cushing, Thos	5
Baylis Mfg. Co	5	Cummings, A	5
Beckett, R. A	5	Cleghorn, J. P	5
Brush, Geo	5	Cooper, Wm	5
Bremner A	5	Childs, Geo	5
Boulter, Geo	5	Canada Chemical & Dye Stuff Co	5
Baile, A	5	Cobban Mfg. Co	5
Brodie & Harvie	5	Cowper, P. H	5
Benny, R	5	Calcutt, J. V	5
Brissette, M. H	5	Cree, Scott & Co	3
Brayley, J. W	5	Cowan, John	2
Brown, T. B	5	Clark, T. L	2
Beckham. H	5	Cunningham, E	2
Baylis, Jas	5	Covernton, C. J	2
Blackwell, K. W	5		
Bullock, J. S	5	Davis, C. W	50
Brown, Dr. A. A	5	Drysdale, W	25
Briggs, W. M	5	Douglass & McNiece	10
Budge, D. A	5	Duff, J. M. M	10
Bolton, Richd	5	Duncan, John	10
Birks, A	5	Drummond, McCall & Co	10

Dun, Wiman & Co	$ 10
Davis, S. & Son	5
Davis, M	5
Davidson, T. & Co	5
Donahue, W	5
Dixon, Mrs. H	5
Date, John	5
Douglas, A	5
Dumaresq, John	5
Davis, T. M	5
Donald, J. T	5
Davis, S. & Sons	5
Dawson, W. Bell	5
Dyer, John	2
Drysdale, D	2
Esplin, G. & J	15
Evans, R	10
Evans, F. W	10
Ewing, S. H. & A. S	10
Eveleigh, J. & Co	5
Ecroyd, Thos	5
Euard & McDonald	5
Elliott, J	5
Evans, Wm	5
Edgar, Wm	5
Eddy, E. B. & Co	1
Friend	100
Fraser, Dr	25
Friend	10
Friend "K"	10
Ferguson, Alexander & Co	10
Featherstone, A. M	10
Francis, W	5
Fraser, A. B	5
Forman, J	5
Forsyth, R	5
Fairbanks, R	5
Fowler, J	5
Fisher, M. Sons & Co	5
Fisk, H. J	5
Fraser, D	5
Friend	1
Friend	.50c
Green, G. A	50
Green, E. K	50
Greenshields, S. Sons & Co	25
Gault Bros. & Co	25
Gillespie, Patterson & Co	25
Graham, Hugh	25
Grier, G. A	15
Goodyear Rubber Co	10
Gnaedinger, E. W	10
Gilbert, E. E. & Son	10
Grafton, F. E. & Son	10
Grafty, W. K	6
Grindley, R. R	5
Gardner, R	5
Gurd, Chas	5
Gardner, W. S	5
Gurney, E. & C. & Co	5
Glover, Thos	5
Gould, Ira & Sons	$ 5
Gault, Mrs. M. H	5
Grier, J. & B	5
Goddard, G. F	5
Garth & Co	5
Gardner, Dr. W	5
Gazley, F	2
Godfrey, C. H	2
Hague, Geo	250
Holland, R. H	50
Hodgson Bros	30
Henderson, R	25
Hodgson, J	25
Hyde, Geo	10
Hughes & Stephenson	10
Henderson Lumber Co	10
Hethrington, J. S	10
Henderson, W	5
Heney, E. N	5
Hodgson, T. E	5
Hanson, Wm	5
Hutchinson, M	5
Holland, C. C	5
Hanson Bros	5
Hilton, J. H	5
Hill, J. W	5
Howard, Dr. R. P	5
Hill, Wm	5
Heward, S. B	5
Hyde, E	5
Hadley, H	3
Howden, Starke & Co	3
Ives, H. R. & Co	10
Irish, D. T	10
Irwin, Mrs. J	10
Irwin, R	5
Irving, Geo	5
Jaques & Co	25
Johnston, J. & Co	25
Jamieson, R. C. & Co	15
Jones, G. W	5
Jordan, Thos	5
Jeffrey, A	5
Joyce, A	5
Jodery, F. E	5
Johnson, T	5
Jones, J. H	5
Judge, Edgar	3
King, Warden	200
Kingman, Abner	150
Kilgour, J. W	50
Kyle, Cheesborough & Co	10
Kennedy, John	10
Kelley, Dr. F. W	10
King, J. C	10
Kendall, G. H. & Co	5
Kinghorn, G. M	5
King, Wm. & Co	5
Kemp, Geo	5
Kerr, R. W	5

Kinloch, W ..... $ 3
Kennedy, Wm 3

Lightbound, Ralston & Co 25
Lockerby Bros 10
Linton, James & Co 10
Leeming Thos. & Co 10
Lamb, Geo 10
Learmont, J. B 10
Lyman Sons & Co 10
Lowden, Mrs. J. R 10
Lundie, G. W 5
Laurie, Jno. & Bro 5
Lang, M. & Son 5
Leslie, A. C 5
Labbe, G. H 5
Lowden, J. R 5
Louson, John 5
Latimer, P. J 5
Lusher, E 5
Lamb, Thos 4
Liffiton, C. A 2
Murphy, John 50
Mackay Bros 25
Molsons Bank 25
Morris, A. W. & Bro 25
Moore, J 25
Mills & Hutchinson 25
Morrice, D. Sons & Co 25
Merchants Bank 25
Mackintosh, J 10
Mackedie, J. W. & Co 10
Moss, G. W. & Co 10
Morton, H 10
Miller, R. Son & Co 10
Miller, W. T 10
Munderloh, W. C 10
Mudge, H. J 10
Marling, J. W 5
Meldrum Bros 5
Maclaren, W. D 5
Miller Bros. & Mitchell 5
Macpherson, A 5
Mooney, G. A. & Co 5
Millen, J 5
Macauley, R 5
Macpherson, D. A 5
Matterson, James 5
Miller, Mrs 5
May, Thos 5
Mudge, E. W 5
Miller & Bremner 5
Major Mfg. Co 5
Muir, James 5
Major, Dr. G. W 5
Masterman, A. L 5
Macdonald, G. W 5
Masterman, W 5
Munro, Dr 2
McLennan, H 50
McMaster, Capt. J. A 50
McFarlane, Austin & Robertson 20
McBride, J 10
McLachlan Bros 10

McKeown, J. H ..... $ 10
McLaren Belting Co 5
McBean, G 5
McArthur, A 5
McFarlane, Patterson & Co 5
McMaster, W 5
McBride, Harris & Co 5
McCallum, R. N 5
McLean, John 4
McAllan, J. W 2
McLean, A 1
McCord, D. R 1

Nelson, H. A. & Sons 50
Notman, W. & Son 10
Nolan, W. H 5
Newman, F. W 5
Nicholson, R. & Co 5

Ogilvie, W. W 10
O'Flaherty, John 5

Putnam, H. L 50
Patterson, Kissock & Co 25
Packard, L. H 25
Picken, H. B 20
Paine, Walter 20
Paton, Hugh 10
Parker, M 10
Picken, J. B 10
Patterson, J. W 10
Palmer, J. & Son 10
Paul, Walter 10
Parsons, S. R 5
Popham, J 5
Peel, Alex 5
Phillips, C. S. J 5
Peel, H. W 5
Prowse, G. R 5
Phillips, Mrs 5
Payne, F. G 5
Palmer, W. C 5
Phelps, G. F 5
Pringle, Thos 2
Peard, J. A 2
Proudfoot, Dr 1

Ross, D. W 100
Reford, Robt. & Co 25
Robinson, Fleet & Falconer 15
Rutherford, D 12.50
Radford, Bros 10
Robertson, Linton & Co 10
Reed, G. W 10
Rattray, J 10
Rankin, Beattie & Co 10
Ransom, Forbes & Co 10
Richardson & Co 10
Reid, Capt 10
Rogers, Geo 10
Robertson, J 5
Richards, J 5
Ramsay, A., Son & Co 5
Robertson, D 5

Robertson & Co	$ 5
Ross, W. R. & Co	5
Rutherford, R	5
Robertson, G. R	5
Robertson, Alex	5
Ross, R. B	5
Roddick, Dr. T. J	5
Roberts, Geo	5
Rosevear, W. H	5
Robinson, F	3
Riele, J	2
Ross, Dr. G. T	1
Savage, A. & Son	20
Scholes, Francis	20
Smith, J. Murray	10
Sadler, G. W	10
Sims, A. H	10
Shorey, H., Son & Co	10
Shaw Bros. & Cassills	10
Stephen, Sir Geo	10
Smith, A. E	10
Scott, J. H	5
Simpson & Peel	5
Stevenson, A	5
Shearer, J. S	5
Sheppard, Chas	5
Sumner, Geo	5
Spencer, H. T	5
Sterling, J	5
Smith, G. F. C	5
Smith, Alex	5
Spence, W. R	5
Smith, J. W	5
Scott, Wm	5
Saunders, H	5
Strong, Samuel	5
Stevens, G. H	5
Stevenson & Blackader	5
Small, A. E. & Co	5
Schultze, E	5
Smith, Frank B	2
Strong, Mrs. D	2
Seale, R. & Son	2
"Subscriber" (W. D.)	2
Shepherd, Dr	2
Torrance, D. & Co	$ 25
Tees, Wm	25
Thompson & Co	20
Tees, Wilson & Co	15
Thomson, Alex	10
Tester, J. W. & Co	10
Tandy, T	10
Tate, G. H	10
Tough, J	5
Tooke, R. J	5
Thompson, B. & S. H. & Co	5
Tasker, James	2
Vipond, Geo	10
Vipond, J. J	5
Vipond, T. S	5
Withall, W	20
Wilson, Patterson & Co	15
Wilson, H. O	15
Ward, J. K	10
Watson, J. C	10
Wightman, A. R	10
Watson, D	10
Whitley Bros	10
White, W. C	5
Williamson, James	5
Wylie, J. S	5
Wilkins, Dr	5
Willis, A. P	5
Watson, H	5
Wilson, R. C	5
Walker, Jas. & Co	5
Weir, R. & Son	5
Wilson, Jas, jr	5
Whitham, Jas	5
Watt, Mrs	5
Wait, Geo	5
White, Robt	2
Warren, W. H	2
Yuile, W. & D	50
Young, Geo	5

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERSHIP.

Your Committee beg to submit the following report for 1888-9. 285 members were added during the year, as follows :—

May	17	September	12	January	25
June	6	October	80	February	14
July	11	November	51	March	16
August	13	December	16	April	24

The present membership is as follows :—

Seniors.	
Active	531
Associate	305
Juniors.	
Active	23
Associate	206
Total	1065
Total last year	1256

This apparent decrease can be accounted for by the fact that the names of all members three months in arrears have been struck from the roll.

Your Committee have found increasing difficulty in securing new names while in our present quarters, and many young men are postponing the taking out of membership tickets until we have more inducements to offer.

Every member should therefore consider it his special duty to place the advantages of the Association before the young men of his acquaintance.

A. O. DAWSON,
Chairman.

EMPLOYMENT WORK.

This Department is steadily on the increase from year to year; 842 applicants were received during the twelve months, and of these 252 received employment directly through the aid of our Bureau. Besides this many were counselled and advised, and not a few in destitute circumstances were assisted by means of our Benevolent Fund. Many of those assisted to employment were young men from other lands; almost every country in the world was represented, including China, Japan, India, France, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Jersey Isles, Australia, United States, besides our own Dominion. We can look back on the past year only with great thankfulness for the opportunity thus afforded

us of extending a welcome to so many strangers. Some (like the Lepers) have never even returned to give thanks for help ; the majority, however, have been very grateful for our aid, and are now members of the Association. Several have contributed towards our new Building Fund, and not a few have pressed into the Kingdom of God.

The following statement shows the work accomplished :—

	SITUATIONS FILLED.													
	Applications for Employment.	Clerks.	Book-keepers.	Trades.	Salesmen.	Stenographers.	Coachmen.	Storemen.	Telegraph Operators	Labourers, &c.	Messengers.	Canvassers.	Reporters.	Watchmen.	TOTAL.
May	106	10	1	16			1	2		15	2	2			49
June	99	5	1	4	3					4					17
July	55	4		4		1			1	9	2				21
August	67	5		8				3		4			1		21
September	87	9	1	8			1	1		5		1		3	29
October	77	6		4	1		1	1		7					20
November	68	6		7			1			4				1	19
December	52	1		5	2					3					11
January	63	11		2			1			4					18
February	43	7		6						4					17
March	52	3		2			1			4				1	11
April	73	8		5	1			1		4					19
	842	75	3	71	7	1	6	8	1	67	4	3	1	5	252

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

The history of our Saturday night meeting for years past shows that those who are constant in their attendance upon it cannot fail to receive blessing and be helpful in the way of life.

We would therefore urge active and associate members who are not occupied on that evening to join us in this household gathering. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

We have to report a slight falling off in the attendance, the average for the year being 89, but, by our position, many of our active members are engaged in similar church work.

While we are desirous of keeping up our numbers, we are more anxious that good work may be done toward those who do attend, and to this end we try to make all our meetings of an evangelistic character. At the close of the exercise we endeavor to single out such young men as are strangers or enquirers, and have a short conversation with them. Good results have followed these efforts.

Rev. J. Hudson Taylor addressed our meeting in the parlor, on August 1st. His words, and those of the friends accompanying him, still linger with us, and the

missionary spirit which he inspired us with has led to the establishment of a Missionary Committee in connection with our Association. Let us go forth into the coming year with renewed purpose to make the work of this Committee a greater success.

G. S. RORKE,
Chairman.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS.

In presenting this report, the Committee would express their thankfulness to God for having permitted them to engage in another year's labor. During one part of the winter our numbers decreased till we had only an average attendance of 25, which greatly discouraged us. We were led to make a thorough investigation, and facts came to light to show that we had not been doing our duty, and as the result of united work and prayer, we now have an attendance of over 50. This part of the Association work demands constant watchfulness. The hour of meeting is very unfavorable to a great many young men. During the past few months the Secretary has handed to us the names of enquirers, and these are visited personally by some of the Committee and if possible induced to attend our class, if not going elsewhere. We hope by doing so to strengthen them in their new life, and if any have not fully decided for Christ, we try to have them come to a decision. At the commencement of the year 1888, this Committee decided to send a delegate to the Convention that would meet in Philadelphia in May, 1889. With this end in view, each man contributed 25 cents per month until the required amount was reached. We hoped by doing this we would in some way bring a blessing to the work at large. Last May, Mr. Corbett assumed the leadership of this Class, and his labors have been abundantly blessed, both to himself and others; let me ask for him your prayers that he may have the guidance of the Holy Spirit in leading the younger Christians to higher attainments in the Christian life. This is the aim of our Class, and our lessons are chosen accordingly. At present we are studying the characters of the Bible. As to the results of our year's work, they are known only to Him who readeth the hearts of all. We are satisfied to leave them with Him.

J. WILSON,
Chairman.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS.

The average weekly attandance has increased during the year from 85 to 125. On the seventh of April high water mark was reached when 148 were present. This remarkable increase is due, no doubt, to the recently inaugurated card registration system, which is as follows: A card with blank spaces for name and address is handed to each person as he enters the class-room. These cards are collected, after being filled in, and taken charge of by the Attendance Secretary, who enters the same in his register, taking note of the absence of anyone who had been present on the preceding Sabbath. When the absentee has been away twice in succession the Secretary writes

inviting him to attend on the next Sunday. If this fails another and different letter is sent, and in the event of this not being responded to by his attendance at the class on the following Sabbath, or otherwise, a memo. is mailed to one of our Committeemen or other active member attending the class, who calls upon the absent one to learn the reason of his non-attendance, and if not connected with some other Bible Class is again invited. The result of this visit is reported to the Attendance Secretary.

For many reasons this method is specially adapted for a class such as ours, yet to be properly maintained it involves considerable labor, the amount of which can be in a measure understood when the number of letters written to absentees during March alone ran up to 176.

The main feature, the lessons, which have been so practically applied, has unquestionably resulted in the conversion to and education in the Christian Life of many of the Members of the Class. It is also a grand school for those intending entering upon Christian work. The training here received is so thorough in its nature that our class members are in demand as Sunday-school teachers, no less than seven having left us since January to undertake this work. The mode of conduct is conversational and evangelistic in its character, which has a tendency to draw forth the ideas of the Class Members.

The introduction of a monthly question drawer has proved a success.

Another new departure in connection with our Class is the Monthly Collection, the object being to provide the Committee with the means to enable them to materially aid sick and needy members and to supply them with delicacies, &c., and also to be able, independently of the Association's funds, to send delegates to the different conventions and for such other purposes as in the Committee's discretion seemed proper.

The formation of a special sub-committee for visiting sick members of the Class is of recent date. This sub-committee has rendered very efficient service.

Pleasant re-union sociables were held in October and April, which were largely attended.

The thanks of the Committee are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Walmsley, who has very kindly officiated as organist during the year.

The following are but samples of the many testimonies received as to the good being done through this Class :—

"I eagerly look forward to our Sunday Class as a time of great spiritual refreshment and where I am sure of receiving increased strength to perform the duties assigned me during the following week."

"It was at this Class that I was first led to publicly acknowledge my Saviour, and where the first real light was shed into my path."

"I have been greatly benefited and blessed in attending the Class. It has given me a greater interest in Bible study, which has been very helpful to me in my Christian life."

On behalf of the Committee,

FRANK D. RITCHIE,
Chairman.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The Reception Committee has charge of the Rooms every evening from 7.30 to 10. The members on duty receiving strangers and associate members with a few words of welcome and a hearty hand shake, making them feel perfectly at home while in the Association, giving them any information which they may desire and inviting them to attend the regular meetings, and as opportunities present themselves, speaking to them personally as to their soul's welfare. As an average of 45 attend the reading room each evening, the importance of this work is at once seen, although the results are very often in the future under the care of "Him whose word never returns unto him void."

While on duty during the past year the committee has asked 86 young men to join the Association, 62 of whom have accepted the invitation and joined. Two hundred and thirty-one invitations have been extended to the regular meetings, 31 strangers from other associations have been met and welcomed, 29 signatures have been added to the pledge book and 16 young men were spoken to personally concerning their eternal salvation. Among other duties the Committee has as often as possible closed the rooms with reading a portion of scripture and prayer. An average attendance of eight shows this not only to be practical but profitable. Besides placing two members on duty almost every evening the Committee has provided ushers for the Monthly Socials, "Talks to Young Men," and the Anniversary Meeting, when they placed 12 men on duty. On being asked to provide ushers for the evening meetings of the Dominion Evangelical Alliance, the Committee provided eight men each evening, as they also did at the anti-Jesuit Meeting held lately in the Queen's Hall. The Committee have had some correspondence with the Toronto Reception Committee ; sent two delegates to the Inter-Provincial Convention held at Ottawa, and sent Mr. Jno. R. Terrill as a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention, two others of the Committee also attending.

The practical results of this work may still be unseen, yet we feel certain that work done honestly and prayerfully for the Master and in His name must bear fruit to His glory.

JOHN W. ROSS,
Chairman.

SOCIAL WORK.

The co-operation of the Churches have added very much to the success attending our efforts.

We acknowledge the bountiful provision of refreshments by the ladies of the following churches, and also their presence at the regular Monthly Social to serve the same :

October, Erskine Presbyterian ; November, Olivet Baptist ; December, New Year's Reception ; January, Crescent Presbyterian ; February, Reports Ottawa Convention ; March, First Baptist ; April, Sherbrooke Street Methodist.

The addresses by the ministers of those churches were very practical and calculated to stimulate to Christian effort.

The stereopticon views of the Yosemite Valley, kindly exhibited and explained by Rev. Dr. Wells, were very instructive as well as entertaining.

Other features of this work are omitted for want of space, and all who have tendered their services have the hearty thanks of the Association.

CHESLEY WOODS,
Chairman.

"EXCELSIOR" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

We have had a very pleasant and successful season, having taken weekly tramps from the beginning of November until the snow left us in April. We had one "ladies' night," which was greatly enjoyed by members of the club. Those who tramped over the mountain every Friday evening have no regret for the time thus spent, because we believe it resulted in renewed physical vigor, and consequently gave fresh life mentally and spiritually. We feel that there are some members of the Association who seek their physical recreation amid less healthy surroundings, which would not be the case, perhaps, if we had a gymnasium and grounds of our own; our Outing Committee are therefore unable to hold together those who ought to be congenial and companionable associates. We expect to have a "field day" in the district of Calumet in June. The Outing Committee will be glad to meet any who desire to engage in field sports or rambles, and will endeavour to make them interesting.

G. W. JONES,
Chairman.

STRANGERS' TEA.

With a few interruptions the Strangers' Tea has been continued throughout the past year, on Sunday afternoons, from 5 to 6.30.

Many thanks are due to our lady friends who have kept us constantly supplied with cake and preserves, often without solicitation.

Perhaps no meeting in the Association has been more instrumental in "getting hold" of young men than this. We know of those whose conversions have occurred as a result. Quite a number have been introduced to Church homes.

The Committee has had the pleasure of coming personally in contact with over 500 young men during the year, most of whom had just arrived in the City.

The last Sunday evening of 1888 over 40 young men who were away from home, sat down to a Christmas dinner. These represented all parts of the world.

We are anxiously looking forward to the time when we will have better accomodation to carry on this important feature of the work.

J. WILSON,
Chairman.

INVITATION WORK.

During the past year the Invitation Committee has sought through its different channels to invite the young men of this city to our Religious meetings, and place before them the different meetings of the Association. On the average nine have been engaged in distributing Invitations on the street corners in the vicinity of the Building, and the principal hotels, on Saturday night ; also an average of four have distributed Invitations for the Sabbath afternoon Bible Class. Interesting results from this work have come to our knowledge, but space does not permit to give them in detail.

The "Take one" Boxes in the hotels, etc. have proved a good work during the past year. Although we cannot see many results yet we have God's promise that His word shall not return void. A Christian young man just arrived from the Old Country, knowing nothing of our Association, took out of the Box in the C. P. R. Waiting Room an Invitation Card, which was the means of introducing him to the Association, and he is now one of the most faithful members of this Committee.

We have not been able to accomplish the desired aim amongst the commercial young men of the city, but we hope this summer to more fully enter into this important work. During the past year 53,000 Invitation Cards have been distributed. The number of members on roll of Committee is 19.

During the year the members subscribed sufficient funds to send Mr. Ascah a delegate to the International Convention. Some of the older members of the Committee have noticed the great decrease in the number of young men passing the Association during the evenings, as compared with four or five years ago ; a proof of the necessity of having our Buiding where the young men are.

S. MUIRHEAD,
Chairman.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE SAILORS.

This work commenced Sunday morning, May 6th. Meeting in the Sailors' Institute at 7.45 a.m., prayer being offered on behalf of the work.

Our field of labor extends from Windmill Point to Hochelaga, which is divided up into sections of two or more workers, each having a section under his charge. The attendance throughout the summer has been the best we have had for the past few years, showing that the young men are taking a greater interest in this large field of labor. The average attendance has been from twelve to fifteen workers, not including the workers of St. Stephen's Church, who kindly undertook to do the canal work. We cannot say what the results from this service are, but we know that it affords a grand opportunity for sowing the seed, and for coming in contact with so large a class of men in the ministry of the Gospel.

WILLIAM LAW,
Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSION BAND.

During the past year, this work was organized. We give a brief outline of its origin.

Through the visit to this city of Rev. J. Hudson Taylor and Mr. Wilder of the Students' movement, a missionary spirit was kindled in the hearts of some of our Active members, and resulted in twenty-two young men agreeing to subscribe 25 cents per week to a Foreign Mission Fund. These formed themselves into a band with the object of furthering the gospel in foreign lands.

1st. By seeking to create amongst our members a missionary spirit through monthly meetings, at which papers and addresses on missionary subjects shall be delivered.

2nd. By giving our members an opportunity to subscribe to the Foreign Mission Fund, the object of which shall be to send out and support men in the Foreign Field.

Three Public meetings have already been held and papers read as follows :—

"The China Inland Mission," S. Muirhead. "Japan," Fred N. McCallum. "Star Light in Asia," Rev. J. H. MacVicar, B.A.

The number of members at present subscribing to the Fund is 27, but we hope to greatly exceed that number.

The Financial Statement is as follows :—

CASH, DR.

To amount subscribed by members to May 23rd, 1889		$106 00
Promised donation		100 00
		$206 00

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By Postage	$4 87	
Printing	4 90	
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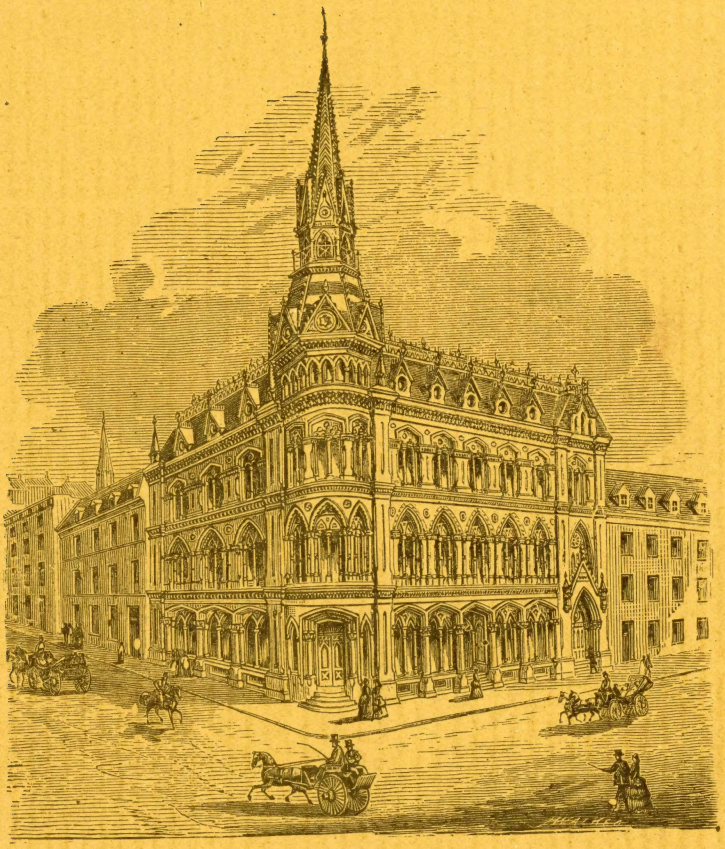
Balance on hand		$196 23

ROBERT MCMURTRIE,
Chairman.



FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION of Montreal, a Corporation duly established under the Laws of the Province of Quebec, the sum of ..... Dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same.